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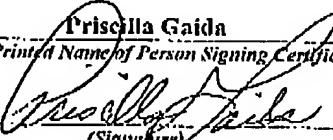
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks  
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 27, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-80 and 93-164, drawn to an entrance-exchange structure comprising a scrip; and a game of uncertain outcome adapted to be played by a player using a specialized exchange system, classified in class 463, subclass 1. This election is made with traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with unselected claims 81-92, drawn to virtual currency system, classified in class 463, subclass 25.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1- 164 are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this

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policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from Applicant's prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the Agent Direct Dial telephone number below. Otherwise, Applicants request early and favorable examination on the merits. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 19-0513.

Respectfully submitted,  
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